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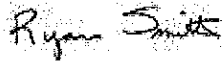
From: Rep93
Sent: Wednesday, January 3, 2018 4:31 PM
To: 'michaelblocal769@gmail.com'
Subject: RE: Please don't support any of Rep. Beckers Anti-Union Bills

Dear Michael,

Thank you for reaching out. I am aware of the significance of these right-to-work bills and how important they are to my constituents. House bills 53 and 113 are currently in committee, where we will hear from both sides and gather as much information as possible before coming to a conclusion. I will work with committee members to ensure our decision reflects our voter's opinions while safeguarding fair labor laws and standards for our workers.

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Sincerely,



Ryan Smith
State Representative, District 93

From: Michael Blakeman [mailto:info@actionnetwork.org]
Sent: Wednesday, December 20, 2017 8:17 PM
To: Rep93 <Rep93@ohiohouse.gov>
Subject: Please don't support any of Rep. Beckers Anti-Union Bills

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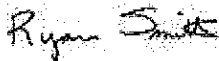
From: Rep93
Sent: Wednesday, January 3, 2018 4:30 PM
To: 'Velviej@yahoo.com'
Subject: RE: Please don't support any of Rep. Beckers Anti-Union Bills

Dear Velvie,

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Ryan Smith
State Representative, District 93

From: Velvie McKenzie [mailto:info@actionnetwork.org]
Sent: Wednesday, December 20, 2017 8:08 PM
To: Rep93 <Rep93@ohiohouse.gov>
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Velvie McKenzie

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From: Rep93

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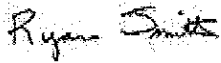
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From: Joseph Mahle [mailto:info@actionnetwork.org]

Sent: Wednesday, December 20, 2017 8:38 PM

To: Rep93 <Rep93@ohiohouse.gov>

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From: Rep93

Sent: Wednesday, January 3, 2018 4:32 PM

To: 'browne34.mahle11@gmail.com'

Subject: RE: Please don't support any of Rep. Beckers Anti-Union Bills

Dear Emily,

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From: Emily Mahle [mailto:info@actionnetwork.org]

Sent: Wednesday, December 20, 2017 8:43 PM

To: Rep93 <Rep93@ohiohouse.gov>

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From: Rep93

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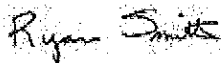
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From: Rick Lundy [mailto:rick_lundy@ymail.com]

Sent: Wednesday, December 20, 2017 8:35 PM

To: Rep93 <Rep93@ohiohouse.gov>

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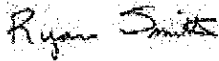
From: Rep93
Sent: Wednesday, January 3, 2018 4:32 PM
To: 'dakota.wheeler95@yahoo.com'
Subject: RE: Please don't support any of Rep. Beckers Anti-Union Bills

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Ryan Smith
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From: Dakota wheeler [mailto:info@actionnetwork.org]
Sent: Wednesday, December 20, 2017 10:27 PM
To: Rep93 <Rep93@ohiohouse.gov>
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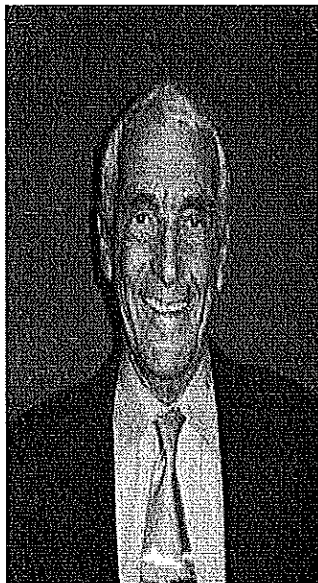


Dr. Tim Huelskamp

Economy, Government & Politics, Regulation

Tim Huelskamp, Ph.D., was named president of The Heartland Institute in July 2017. From 2011 to 2017, Dr. Huelskamp served three terms in Congress representing the 1st District in Kansas. While in Congress, Huelskamp advocated on behalf of conservative, free-market solutions in a wide range of policy arenas and served on numerous committees. On the Veterans Affairs Committee, he was a leader in pushing through a historic health care choice option for veterans.

Dr. Huelskamp helped grow the House Freedom and Liberty Caucuses, chaired and expanded the Tea Party Caucus, fought the Waters of the United States Rule, worked on budgets in the Republican Study Committee, and co-founded Conversations with Conservatives, a monthly House conservative press availability.



Dr. Jay Lehr

Climate Change, Energy, Environment

Jay Lehr, Ph.D., is the science director at The Heartland Institute. He is an internationally renowned speaker, scientist, and author who has testified before Congress on dozens of occasions on environmental issues and consulted with nearly every agency of the national government, as well as many foreign countries.

Lehr is the author of more than 1,000 magazine and journal articles and 36 books. He is editor of *Rational Readings on Environmental Concerns*, McGraw-Hill's *Handbook on Environmental Science, Health and Technology* (2000); Wiley's *Remediation Technologies Handbook* (2004); the *Environmental Instrumentation and Analysis Handbook* (2005), the six-volume *Water Encyclopedia* (Wiley Interscience, 2005); and Wiley Interscience's *Nuclear Energy Encyclopedia: Science, Technology, and Applications* (2011).



John Nothdurft

**Alcohol & Tobacco, Government Spending,
Taxes**

John Nothdurft joined the staff of The Heartland Institute in May 2008 as Heartland's legislative specialist on budget and tax policy. He was named government relations director in 2010.

Nothdurft is a member of the American Legislative Exchange Council's Tax and Fiscal Policy Task Force, and he has testified before multiple state legislatures on a wide range of issues. His work has been published in scores of publications, including the Chicago Tribune, Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel, Detroit News, Chicago Sun-Times, Atlanta Journal-Constitution, and Investor's Business Daily.



Isaac Orr

Energy, Environment

Isaac Orr is a research fellow for energy and environmental policy at The Heartland Institute. Orr is a speaker, researcher, and writer specializing in hydraulic fracturing, frac sand mining, and agricultural and environmental policy issues. Prior to coming to Heartland, Orr worked as an aide in the Wisconsin State Senate, where he served as a lead-office writer and a policy advisor on frac sand mining and agricultural issues.

Orr has written a Heartland Policy Study on fracking titled "Hydraulic Fracturing: A Game-Changer for U.S. Energy and Economies" and has coauthored multiple policy studies on frac sand mining, including "Environmental Impacts of Industrial Silica Sand (Frac Sand) Mining" and "Economic Impacts of Industrial Silica Sand (Frac Sand) Mining," in addition to his article "Frac Sand Study Lots of Scare, Little Science," published in the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel in October of 2014. His writing has appeared in USA Today, the New York Post, The Hill, Orange County Register, and Washington Times. His work on fracking is also featured in an upcoming book entitled Alternative Energy and Shale Gas

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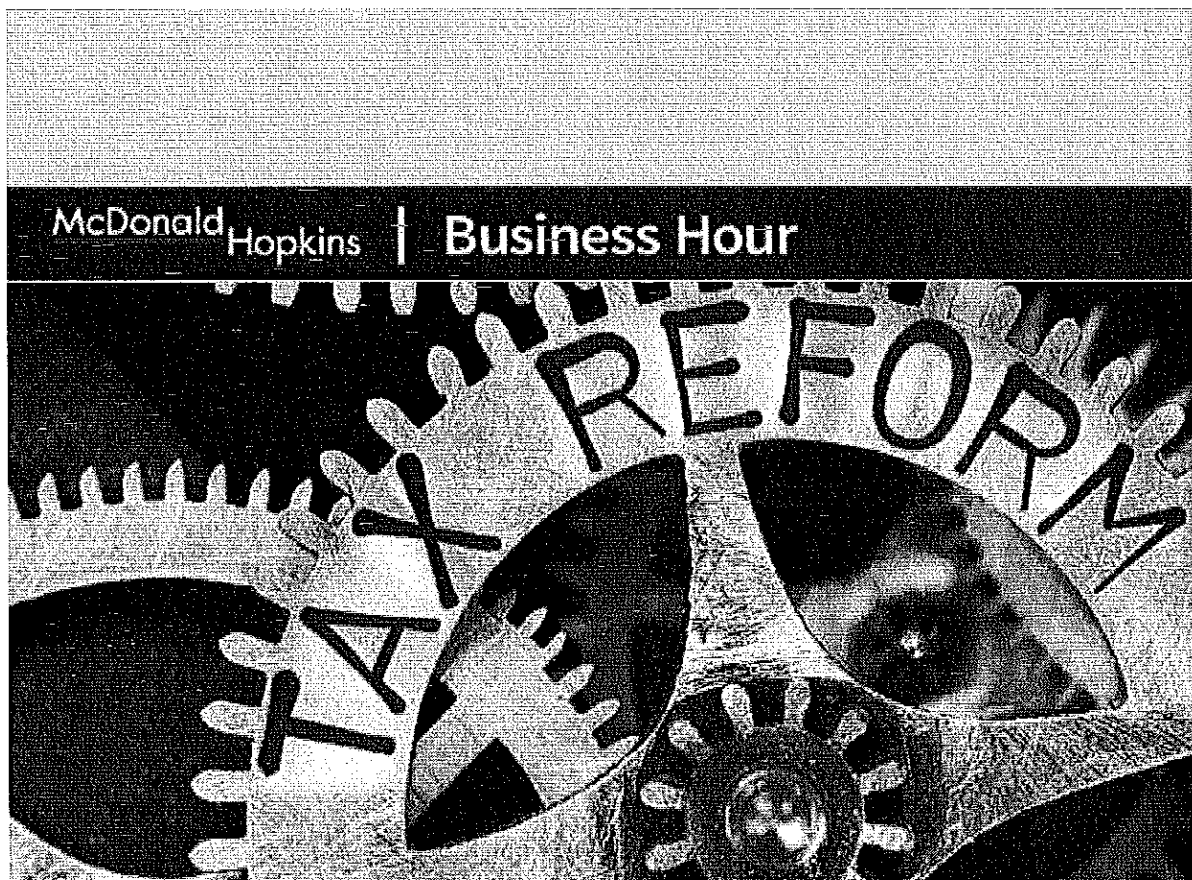
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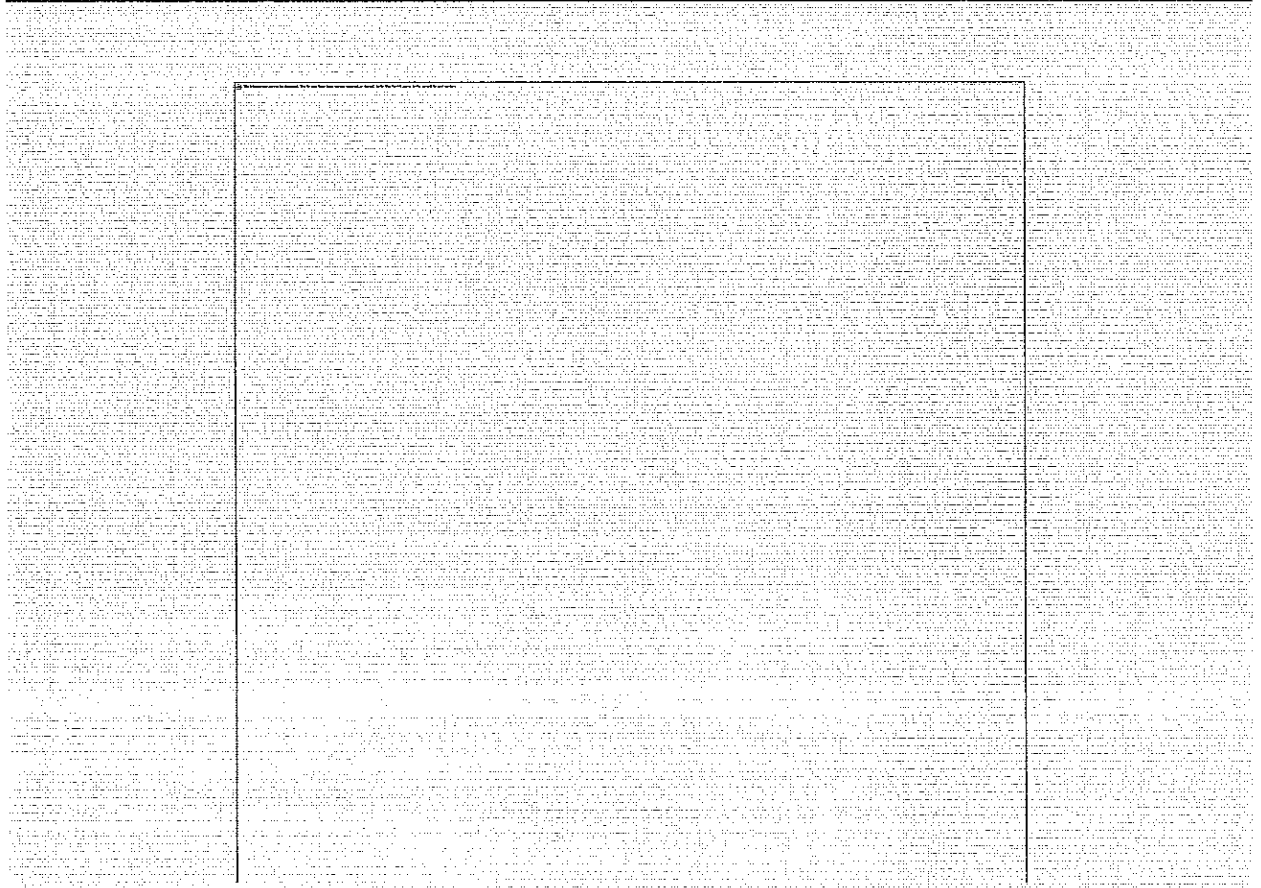
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Sent: Tuesday, January 9, 2018 9:02 AM

To: Rep93

Subject: Morning Consult Washington: House Foreign Affairs Committee
Chairman Ed Royce to Retire

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By Eli Yokley

Top Stories

- Rep. Ed Royce (R-Calif.), who is serving his final year as chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, said he will not seek a 14th term in Congress. Royce's district, which Democrat Hillary Clinton won in 2016, is considered key to Democrats in their attempt to regain control of the House during the November midterm elections. ([Los Angeles Times](#))
- The White House and congressional Republicans are increasingly skeptical that lawmakers will be able to reach a long-term budget agreement before Jan. 19, when funding runs dry, raising the likelihood of another temporary stopgap spending measure. Senate Majority Whip John Cornyn (R-Texas) said Democrats are holding a deal "hostage" over a provision they want included that would shield hundreds of thousands of young undocumented immigrants from deportation. ([Politico](#))
- Republicans are moving away from their effort to repeal the Affordable Care Act, and they're scaling back ambitions to overhaul social safety net programs, opting instead to focus on funding the government, raising the debt limit and striking a deal on immigration ahead of the midterm elections. House Speaker Paul Ryan (R-Wis.) had mentioned plans to tackle entitlement spending, but Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) has warned against a partisan overhaul of the programs and Trump appears more aligned with him. ([The Wall Street Journal](#))
- Vice President Mike Pence plans to visit the Middle East from Jan. 19-23, with stops in Egypt, Israel and Jordan. Pence had initially planned to visit the region before Christmas, but the trip was postponed amid the tax overhaul debate on Capitol Hill and an uproar in the Middle East over the Trump administration's decision to recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel. ([The Washington Post](#))

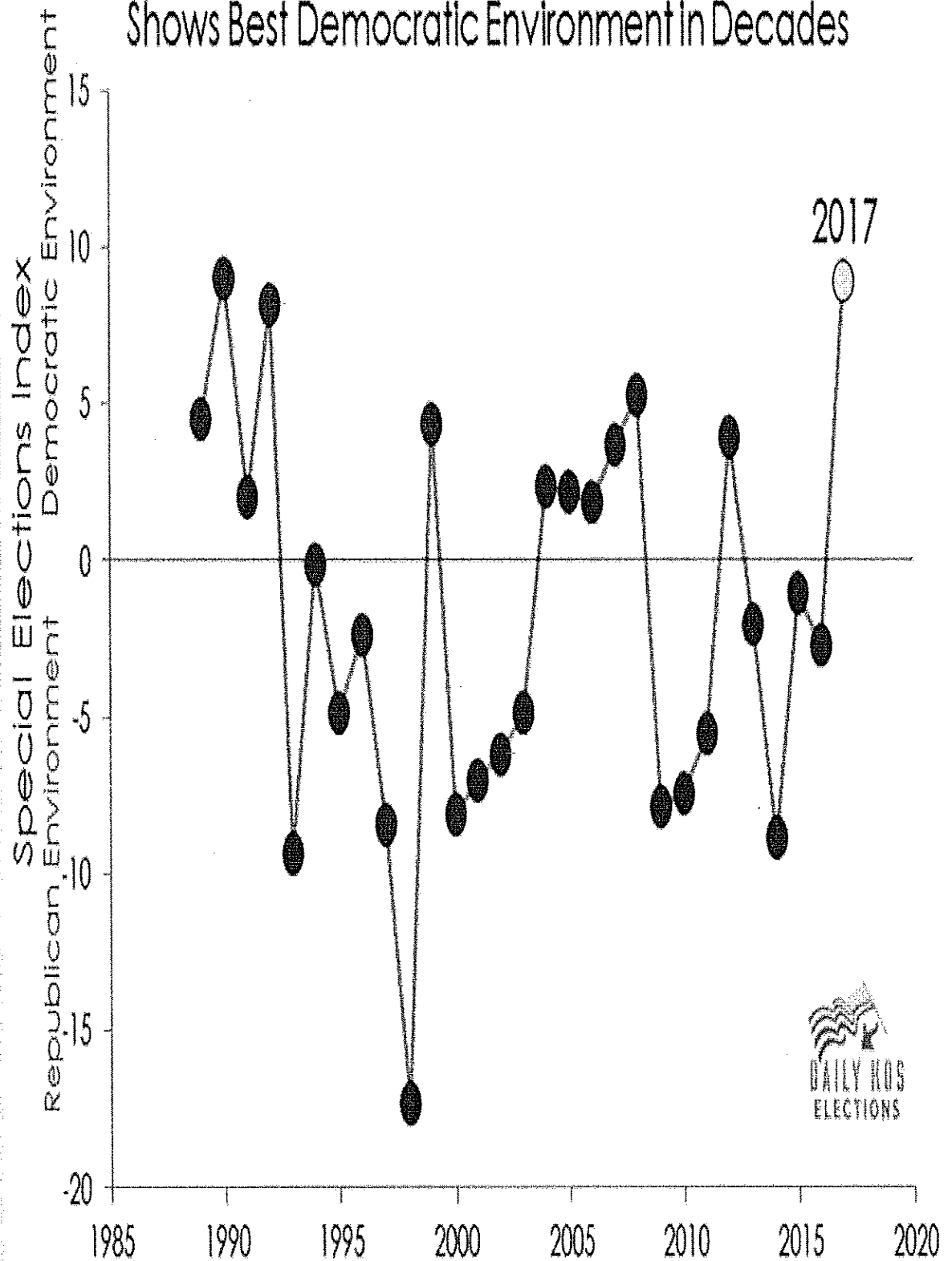
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Introducing the Special Elections Index: This year is the best environment for Democrats in decades

Daily Kos

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Events Calendar (All Times Local)

TUESDAY

House Energy & Commerce subcommittee hearing on DOE modernization	10 a.m.
House Homeland Security subcommittee hearing on border security	10 a.m.
Senate HELP Committee hearing on the opioid crisis	10 a.m.
Senate Finance Committee hearing on anticipated nomination of Alex Azar to be HHS secretary	10 a.m.
Senate Foreign Relations subcommittee hearing on attacks on U.S. diplomats in Cuba	10 a.m.
Council on Foreign Relations event on potential and ongoing crises in 2018	12:30 p.m.
Wilson Center event on security challenges in East Asia	2 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

U.S. Chamber of Commerce's State of American Business address	9:30 a.m.
House Foreign Affairs subcommittee hearing on implications of upcoming elections in Western Hemisphere	2 p.m.

THURSDAY

Rep. Cuellar speaks at Brookings Institution event on the costs of
a border wall 8:30
a.m.

Rep. Bera speaks at Stimson Center event on South Asia crises 8:30
a.m.

Senate Foreign Relations Committee hearing on U.S. policy in
Syria post-ISIS 10 a.m.

FRIDAY

No events scheduled



2017

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General

Republicans: Budget deal prospects are dimming

Rachael Bade et al., Politico

Congressional Republicans and White House officials are increasingly skeptical that they'll reach a long-term budget agreement with Democrats in the next 11 days, accusing progressives of slow-walking a spending deal until they get what they want on immigration. Party leaders from both sides of the aisle have been quietly working to raise stiff spending caps to avert a government shutdown before Jan. 19, when federal agency funding runs dry.

Republicans Scale Down Agenda for Safety-Net Programs, Health Law

Kristina Peterson and Stephanie Armour, The Wall Street Journal

Republicans are scaling back their ambitions to overhaul safety-net programs and dismantle the Affordable Care Act following President Donald Trump's weekend retreat with GOP leaders, due to concerns they can't muster enough support ahead of the 2018 midterm elections. Instead, Republican lawmakers are likely to embrace a slimmed-down agenda focused on the basics, including funding the government, raising the government debt limit and striking a deal on immigration, according to GOP lawmakers and aides.

North Korea to join Olympics in South Korea as tensions ease

Hyung-Jin Kim, The Associated Press

The rival Koreas took steps toward reducing their bitter animosity during rare talks Tuesday, as North Korea agreed to send a delegation to next month's Winter Olympics in South Korea and reopen a military hotline. The meeting, the first of its kind in about two years, was arranged after North Korean leader Kim Jong Un made an abrupt push for improved

ties with South Korea following a year of elevated tensions with the outside world over his expanding nuclear and missile programs.

Talk of Oprah running for president captivates Democrats
Robert Costa, The Washington Post

From Hollywood to Iowa, a sudden wave of enthusiasm for Oprah Winfrey as a potential presidential candidate swept through the Democratic Party on Monday, beginning as a social-media sensation after her rousing remarks at Sunday night's Golden Globes ceremony and escalating nationally as party officials and activists earnestly considered the possibility. The calls for Winfrey, a cultural icon and friend of former president Barack Obama's, to look hard at entering the 2020 race against President Trump revealed a longing among Democrats for a global celebrity of their own who could emerge as their standard-bearer and his foil.

Fusion GPS: Trump-appointed judge has conflicts, should recuse
Josh Gerstein, Politico

The private investigation firm behind the so-called Trump dossier - Fusion GPS - is arguing that a Trump-appointed federal judge has so many conflicts of interest that he should recuse himself from a legal case stemming from BuzzFeed's publication of the dossier earlier this year. Fusion's lawyers say the impartiality of U.S. District Court Judge Trevor McFadden is open to question because he represented a firm owned by a Russian businessman who claims he was libeled by publication of the dossier and he was a top lawyer at the Justice Department's Criminal Division last year when Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Chuck Grassley requested an investigation into Fusion.

Tillerson tells AP Cuba still risky; FBI doubts sonic attack
Josh Lederman and Matthew Lee, The Associated Press

The United States would be "putting people intentionally in harm's way" if it sent diplomats back to Cuba, Secretary of State Rex Tillerson says in an Associated Press interview, even as a new FBI report casts doubt on

the initial theory that Americans there have been hit by "sonic attacks." Following months of investigation and four FBI trips to Havana, an interim report from the bureau's Operational Technology Division says the probe has uncovered no evidence that sound waves could have damaged the Americans' health, the AP has learned.

Ruth Bader Ginsburg, with clerk hires, signals desire to outlast Trump

Joan Biskupic, CNN

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg marks her 25th anniversary on the Supreme Court this year, and the cultural icon known as the "Notorious RBG" recently signaled that she intends to stay at least through 2020 by hiring law clerks for at least two more terms. Ginsburg, who turns 85 in March, would have to stay another decade to near the record of William O. Douglas, who served the longest at 36 years.

Presidential

Pence reschedules Middle East trip for late January, adds stop in Jordan

Jenna Johnson, The Washington Post

Vice President Pence's office has announced new dates for his delayed trip to the Middle East: Jan. 19-23. Pence was originally scheduled to travel the week before Christmas, but postponed the trip so he could remain in Washington in case his vote was needed to pass tax legislation.

Mike Pence Plans Active Role in GOP's 2018 Campaign **Peter Nicholas and Michael C. Bender, The Wall Street Journal**

Vice President Mike Pence is jumping into the midterm elections, planning visits soon to Nevada and Pennsylvania and helping recruit a candidate in Ohio amid an aggressive push to retain Republican control of Congress. Mr. Pence, in an interview at his White House office Monday, conceded that history shows it is difficult for the president's

party to stave off midterm election losses, but said that economic gains could help Republicans strengthen their grip on the Senate.

The White House struggles to silence talk of Trump's mental fitness

Philip Rucker and Ashley Parker, The Washington Post

The White House is struggling to contain the national discussion about President Trump's mental acuity and fitness for the job, which has overshadowed the administration's agenda for the past week. Trump publicly waded into the debate spawned by a new book, "Fire and Fury" - Michael Wolff's inside account of the presidency - over the weekend by claiming on Twitter that he is "like, really smart" and "a very stable genius."

Federal Regulators Rule Against Trump Administration on Power Plants

Timothy Puko, The Wall Street Journal

Federal energy regulators on Monday rejected a Trump administration proposal aimed at shoring up struggling coal-fired and nuclear power plants to bolster the nation's electricity grid, saying the administration hadn't persuaded them the plan was needed to ensure the system's reliability. The administration plan, proposed in September, is one of its biggest initiatives to help those fuels compete amid a boom in gas-fired and renewable power.

Trump renominates McFarland to be ambassador to Singapore

Jordan Fabian, The Hill

The White House on Monday renominated K.T. McFarland to be ambassador to Singapore, even though her nomination appeared in doubt over her involvement in the Russia investigation. McFarland's name was included on a list of more than 80 nominees the White House

sent to the Senate on Monday, many of which were resubmitted because the upper chamber did not complete work on them last year.

Senate

Senate bill to reverse net neutrality repeal gains 30th co-sponsor, ensuring floor vote **Harper Neidig, The Hill**

A Senate bill that would reverse the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) decision to repeal net neutrality received its 30th co-sponsor on Monday, ensuring it will receive a vote on the Senate floor. Sen. Claire McCaskill (D-Mo.) announced her support for the bill on Twitter, putting it over the top of a procedural requirement to bypass committee approval.

Trump and Corker mend fences after 'Liddle Bob' tweets **Andrew Restuccia, Politico**

In October, President Donald Trump labeled Tennessee Republican Sen. Bob Corker an "incompetent" critic of his tax reform plan who "couldn't get elected dog catcher in Tennessee." And Corker, in turn, accused the president of "debasing" the country and vowed not to vote for him again.

Hillbilly Elegy' author Vance urged to run for Senate **Seung Min Kim and Kevin Robillard, Politico**

Top Senate Republicans have quietly reached out to J.D. Vance - the star author of "Hillbilly Elegy" - about running for Senate in Ohio after the abrupt withdrawal of GOP candidate Josh Mandel last week. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) has spoken with Vance about a potential bid, according to three sources familiar with the discussions.

House

California Republican Rep. Ed Royce won't seek reelection, creating bigger opening for Democrats

Christine Mai-Duc and Sarah D. Wire, Los Angeles Times

House Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman Rep. Ed Royce announced Monday he will not run for reelection, boosting Democrats' chances of winning his Southern California district as they work to regain control of the U.S. House this year. The Republican from Fullerton was the first of his California colleagues to announce a retirement in what's expected to be a tough year for the GOP.

Pair of lawmakers unveil bipartisan DACA plan

Tal Kopan, CNN

A bipartisan pair of House members have reached a compromise on Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals and border security - a plan the two unlikely allies hope could provide a "foundation" for a deal President Donald Trump could sign into law. Reps. Will Hurd, a Texas Republican, and Pete Aguilar, a California Democrat and whip for the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, have been quietly working for weeks to develop their legislation, which the two sophomore lawmakers are releasing as a discussion draft as talks heat up on DACA ahead of a government funding deadline January 19 being used as leverage in Congress.

Arkansas Rep. Womack likely next House budget chairman

Rachael Bade and Sarah Ferris, Politico

Senior House Republicans vote Tuesday night to replace outgoing House Budget Chairman Diane Black, who's stepping down to run for Tennessee governor. Most have their money on Rep. Steve Womack.

Republicans scrutinize FBI's media contacts in Russia case

Kyle Cheney, Politico

Broadening their political counterattack in defense of the White House, President Donald Trump's allies in Congress are placing new scrutiny on contacts between top Justice Department officials and reporters covering the Trump-Russia investigation. In recent weeks, GOP congressional investigators have publicly and privately questioned senior Justice Department and FBI leaders about interactions with reporters covering the Trump campaign's connections to Russia.

Conor Lamb says he wouldn't support Nancy Pelosi to lead House Dems
Wes Venteicher, Pittsburgh Tribune-Review

Democratic Congressional candidate Conor Lamb said Monday he wouldn't vote to give Nancy Pelosi another term as U.S. House leader if he is elected to Congress. Lamb, 33, who is running for a March special election to replace former Rep. Tim Murphy, said both parties in the House need new leadership, having failed to adequately address the nation's heroin epidemic or what Lamb called its "crumbling infrastructure."

States

Dennis Kucinich is running for Ohio governor against 6 other Democrats
Laura A. Bischoff, Springfield News-Sun

Former Cleveland mayor and U.S. member of Congress Dennis Kucinich is running for Ohio governor, joining an already crowded field in the Democratic primary. Kucinich filed paperwork with the Ohio Secretary of State on Monday to declare his candidacy and name a campaign treasurer.

Democratic hope for ending GOP majority in Virginia House hangs on a thread
Fenit Nirappil and Laura Vozzella, The Washington Post

Virginia Democrats on Monday seem to acknowledge the increasingly dim prospects of ending Republican control of the House of Delegates, even as they're waging a last-ditch legal effort. The General Assembly reconvenes on Wednesday, and whichever party holds more seats in the House that day will choose a speaker and set rules for running the chamber.

Blue states eye 'political gift' in tax workaround fight with Trump

Jimmy Vielkind et al., Politico

The new tax law's repeal of the state and local deduction may pose a fiscal threat to high-tax states and their affluent taxpayers. But it's also a political gift to Democratic officials in those states seeking to raise their national profiles by challenging President Donald Trump and circumventing the law.

The maker of Oxycontin likes Rick Scott's plan to limit opioids. So why don't others?

Lawrence Mower, Miami Herald

Gov. Rick Scott is pushing legislation that would be a modest step toward combating the state's growing opioid crisis. But it's placing the former healthcare company CEO in an unusual spot: He's at odds with doctors, drug companies and some fellow Republicans, who fear losing control or profits from Scott's legislation.

Advocacy

Koch-backed groups urge Congress to pass right-to-try legislation

Erin Mershon, Stat News

Several deep-pocketed political advocacy groups founded by Charles and David Koch are ramping up their advocacy before Congress on a niche issue: access to experimental drugs. On Monday, several Koch-backed

groups, including Freedom Partners and Americans for Prosperity, launched an ad campaign urging Congress to pass so-called "right-to-try" legislation, which aims to help terminally ill patients access experimental treatments that haven't yet been approved by the Food and Drug Administration.

Opinions, Editorials and Perspectives

Strong Economies Lift Presidents. Trump Seems an Exception.
Nate Cohn, The New York Times

The stock market has surged. Unemployment is at 4.1 percent.

Will Trump Punish the Farm Belt?
The Editorial Board, The Wall Street Journal

The U.S. economy is starting to grow at a faster pace, and deregulation and tax reform are pointing to an investment boost in 2018. But the big economic policy question now is whether President Trump is going to dampen this new growth enthusiasm by imposing tariffs and kicking off a global trade war.

A Counterproductive Approach to a Broken Immigration System
Michael Shifter and Ben Raderstorf, The New York Times

The decision by the Department of Homeland Security not to renew Temporary Protected Status, for almost 200,000 migrants from El Salvador is President Trump's latest attempt to restrict both legal and illegal immigration. This comes on the heels of the same rulings last year regarding Haitians and Nicaraguans.

It's on Republicans to stop a shutdown
Bernie Sanders, The Washington Post

I do not know why President Trump and the Republican Party - which controls the White House, the Senate and the House - are so willing to shut down the government. Maybe they think it will be good for them politically.

Research Reports and Polling

The Working Class and the Federal Government's Social Safety Net

Angela Rachidi, American Enterprise Institute

The 2016 presidential election raised questions about who makes up the "working class" and what motivates them. The Great Recession exposed considerable economic vulnerability among this group of Americans, perhaps leading to the current wave of economic populism and a certain level of distrust for the federal government.



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The "Separation of Church and State" isn't what most think it is

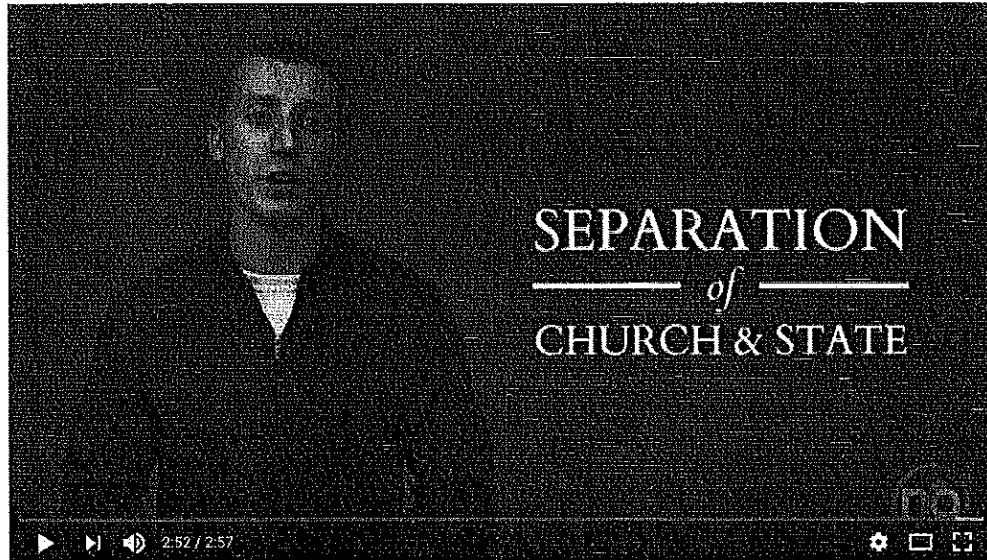
Many people don't realize that CCV is a part of a nation wide network of independent organizations that advocate for pro-life, pro-family policy with a Gospel-centered approach.

The best part of this network is that we can steal all of our friend's good content and materials without ever blinking an eye... (I kid).

In all seriousness though, I DO want to share with you a video that our friends at the Nebraska Family Alliance just released on "The Truth about Separation of Church and State."

For decades now, Americans have fundamentally misunderstood this principle, and what was designed to be a protection against the government interfering in the church's business, have become a tool used to silence the church.

Check out this 3-minute video and share it on Facebook to help debunk the myths.



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Subject: Please don't support any of Rep. Beckers Anti-Union Bills

Ryan Smith,

I am deeply disturbed by the recent co-sponsorship request from Representative Beckers' office that puts forward six different anti-worker Constitutional Amendments. I am asking you as your constituent and a voter to not sign on as a co-sponsor or to support any of these proposals and to actively work to ensure that none of them advance to the Senate.

These six proposals would effectively undo labor law that has helped serve as a catalyst to create Ohio's middle class.

These proposals are nothing but a an attempt bu out-of-state groups like ALEC to silence workers at the workplace and slash wages and benefits at a time when they have been stagnant for far too long.

Neither employers nor workers and union members like myself are asking for these union-busting bills to be enacted.

Working people overwhelmingly rejected these types of attacks in 2011 when they used the citizens' veto and repealed Senate Bill 5. Ohioans strongly believe that it is past time to put the ugliness and spitefulness behind us and work to find common ground with all political parties, business and labor, on different ways to grow our economy from the middle out and raise wages for all.

Thank you for your consideration on this vital matter.

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This week on *Top Performers*: Marc Tucker reviews David Driscoll's new book, *Commitment and Common Sense*, and describes how the Massachusetts reforms are comparable to those in top performing education systems around the world.

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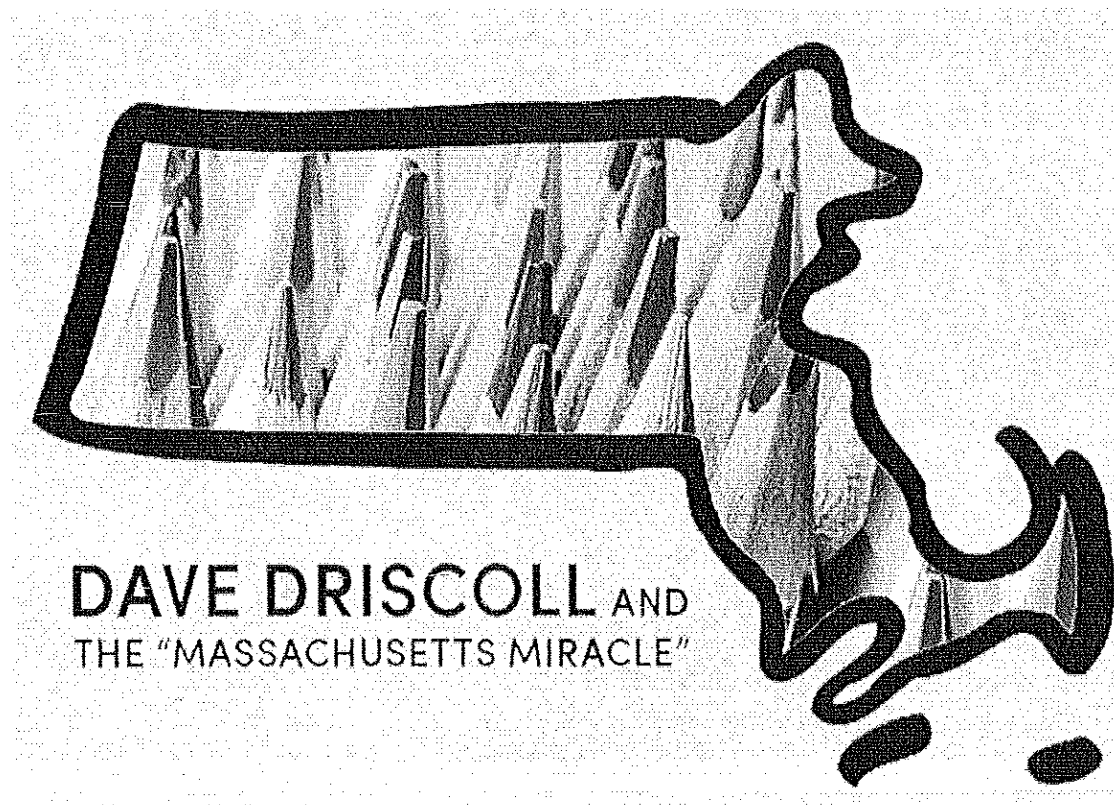
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The book tells it like it is. It is an authentic, at times funny, always compelling account of how this landmark comprehensive policy reform was shaped and implemented. It won't surprise you that I strongly recommend that you buy this book and read it.

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But, at the same time, I would urge some caution. I have known David Driscoll for many years and, like so many others, come to love him. He is such a decent, caring human being, overflowing with that most uncommon quality: common sense as well as a vast horde of carefully considered experience. The very antithesis of an ideologue, he can see merit in each of two opposing views. He can hold his own, but he does not seem to hold a grudge. 'Politician' seems now to be a swear word, but Driscoll is an education politician of the highest order, if by 'politician' you mean a person who has the personal gifts needed to bring people from every station in life and point of view and narrow interest together to forge a new way of doing things at scale. He was exactly the right person to lead the implementation of the Massachusetts Education Reform Act.

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International Education News

1. Hong Kong Legislators Call for Homework Limit in Primary Schools
2. Per Pupil Spending Continues to Steadily Increase in the U.S.
3. New UK Education Secretary Damian Hinds Expresses Continued Commitment to Social Mobility Agenda
4. Curriculum Revamp in Alberta Fends Off Accusations of Politicization

5. Estonian PM: Research, Education Key to Country's Economic and Social Progress

[For this week's international education news roundup from CIEB, click here.](#)

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**From the NISL Advanced Credentialing Update:
Metacognitive Goal-Setting for Students,
Teachers and School Leaders**



As featured on the Distinguished Principal Spotlight in NISL's SEED Project newsletter, Pennsylvania Principal Kurt Widmann describes how he and his leadership team are using student-driven metacognitive goal setting to drive academic improvement.

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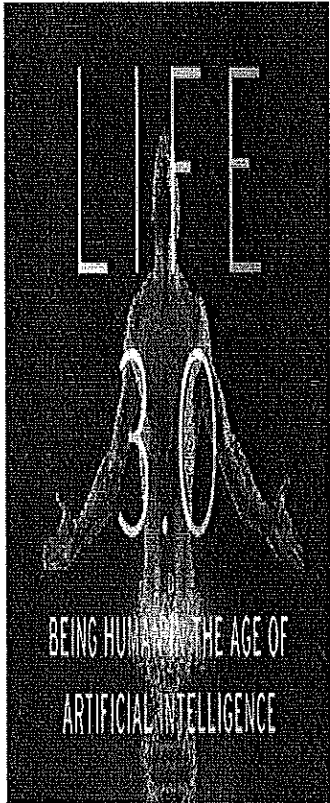
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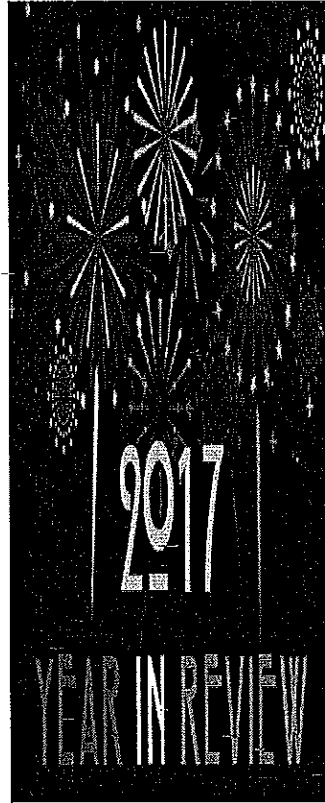
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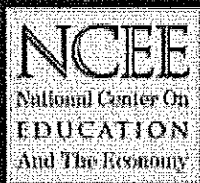


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Our friends at Americans For Prosperity, Ohio asked us to help them promote an upcoming event where Heartland's Lennie Jarrett will be speaking on education.

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TOP NEWS

Law360 Names Practice Groups Of The Year

Law360 congratulates the winners of its 2017 Practice Group of the Year awards, which honor the law firms behind the litigation wins and major deals that resonated throughout the legal industry in the past year. [Read more »](#)

The Firms That Dominated In 2017

Law360's Firms of the Year rose above the competition with a combined 24 Practice Group of the Year awards after helping their clients win game-changing judgments and close record-breaking deals in 2017. Here's a closer look at how they landed at the top. [Read more »](#)

Analysis

Ex-US Attys Say Justice Best Served By Diverse Group

Former U.S. attorneys interviewed by Law360 said that having a diverse group of people in the job does more than contribute to positive perceptions of the Department of Justice: it can build bridges, prevent abuse and help DOJ leadership make better decisions. [Read more »](#)



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Gov't Must Pay Halted ACA Funds, Insurer Says

The Trump administration indisputably flouted the Affordable Care Act by cutting off millions of dollars in reimbursement for reduced copays and deductibles, a nonprofit health insurer told the U.S. Court of Federal Claims on Friday. [Read more »](#)

No Major Changes Needed For Tax Bill, Speaker Ryan Says

House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., acknowledged in an interview that aired Friday that Congress likely will need to make technical corrections to the \$1.5 trillion tax bill passed by Congress at the end of last year but added that any changes made likely would be small. [Read more »](#)

Trump Extends Iran Sanctions Waiver But Wants Deal Remade

President Donald Trump has again extended a sanctions waiver granted to Iran under the 2015 nuclear deal, saying Friday it's the final time he will do so unless the deal is significantly overhauled, as his administration announced additional sanctions against certain Iranian and related entities. [Read more »](#)

Drug, Device Makers Cheer As FDA Punts Off-Label Policy

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration on Friday once again delayed a controversial new policy related to off-label promotion, drawing cheers from drug and device makers that have decried the agency's approach. [Read more »](#)

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Supreme Court Agrees To Review SEC's In-House Judges

The U.S. Supreme Court agreed Friday to consider whether the hiring of U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission administrative law

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judges violates the appointments clause of the Constitution, a case that could call into question the legitimacy of past rulings by the administrative judges. [Read more »](#)

Credit Union Argues It Has Power To Challenge CFPB Role

A New York credit union on Friday attempted to convince a federal judge that it has the power to bring a lawsuit seeking to challenge President Donald Trump's appointment of a White House official to lead the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau on an acting basis. [Read more »](#)

ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL

Researcher Sues EPA For Access To Officials' Emails

An environmental researcher and Harvard University librarian on Friday sued the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, alleging it has improperly withheld emails he requested between Administrator Scott Pruitt and his chief of staff, as well as other employees. [Read more »](#)

Coastal Senators Seek Ban On Drilling In Northeastern US

A bipartisan congressional delegation representing the northeastern U.S. this week mounted legislative action aiming to shield the nation's pre-eminent fishing region from a White House plan that would open nearly all American waters to oil and gas drilling next year. [Read more »](#)

Fracking Case Now Moot, Ute Indian Tribe Tells 10th Circ.

The Ute Indian Tribe on Thursday told the Tenth Circuit that an appeal of a lower court order striking down the U.S. Bureau of Land Management's strengthening of regulations for fracking on federal and Native American lands should be tossed, saying the case is moot

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GOP Enviro Leaders Support Clean Power Plan Rollback

A group of Senate Republicans told the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in a letter on Friday that they were on board with the agency's proposal to repeal the Obama-era Clean Power Plan, saying the plan would be disastrous for American communities and jobs. Read more »

Pa. Court Limits Review Over State's Use Of Gas Lease Funds

Following a landmark Pennsylvania Supreme Court ruling last year limiting the state's use of payments from gas leases on public lands, a panel of judges has said that further review in the dispute will not include whether the funds can be put toward a conservation agency's operating costs. Read more »

TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE

DC Circ. Partly Revives Truckers' DOT Safety Records Suit

The D.C. Circuit on Friday rejected most of a suit from independent commercial truck drivers alleging the U.S. Department of Transportation mishandled safety citation records that can hurt truckers' job prospects and business reputations, saying there wasn't enough proof of actual harm, but revived two drivers' claims. Read more »

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Fla. House Passes Bill Aimed At 3rd-Party Insurance Payouts

The Florida House of Representatives on Friday passed a bill designed to curtail perceived abuses of a system that allows repair contractors to pursue payment directly from property owners' insurance carriers,

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EMPLOYMENT

Trump Taps Morgan Lewis Vet To Round Out NLRB

President Donald Trump on Friday selected Morgan Lewis & Bockius LLP partner John Ring to fill the lone vacancy on the five-member National Labor Relations Board, moving to restore a Republican majority that was lost following the departure of board chair Phil Miscimarra in December. [Read more »](#)

Public Workers, Ill. AG Back Union Fees At High Court

The American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees and Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan urged the U.S. Supreme Court not to block state unions from making workers cover bargaining costs, arguing in briefs filed Friday in a pivotal case for public sector labor that so-called agency fees are constitutional. [Read more »](#)

COMPETITION

ABA Sections Warn Of Risks In Regulating Online Platforms

The antitrust and international law sections at the American Bar Association on Wednesday shared their concerns about the potential chilling effects of additional regulations for online platforms like e-commerce operations and search engines recently floated by the European Commission. [Read more »](#)

CONSUMER PROTECTION

CFPB Leadership Battle Heads To DC Circ.

Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Deputy Director Leandra English on Friday continued her fight to lead the powerful financial regulator by asking a federal appeals court to remove

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CVS Caremark Corporation
Cable-Satellite Public Affairs Network
CenturyLink Inc.
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President Donald Trump's choice to serve as the bureau's acting director. [Read more »](#)

INTERNATIONAL TRADE

Analysis

What You Need To Know About The Latest Steel Trade Fight

President Donald Trump may be poised to impose sweeping restrictions on steel imports that would bring an end to a nearly yearlong saga examining the intersection of trade policy and U.S. national security interests. As the president mulls his next move, here's everything you need to know about one of the year's most intriguing trade battles. [Read more »](#)

TAX

High Court To Consider Internet Retail Taxes' Reach

The U.S. Supreme Court on Friday agreed to hear South Dakota's challenge to *Quill v. North Dakota*, setting the stage for the high court to decide whether states may compel retailers that do not have a physical presence within their borders to collect and remit use tax. [Read more »](#)

Mnuchin Calls Attempts To Skirt SALT Cap 'Ridiculous'

U.S. Department of Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin on Thursday called efforts by states such as California, New York and New Jersey to limit the scaling back of state and local tax deductions "ridiculous." [Read more »](#)

First Parts Of 'Urgent' Swiss Tax Plan Slotted For 2019

The Swiss government has announced that the first measures of its tax reform plan could roll out by the start of 2019, citing the "urgent" need to keep Switzerland competitive in the

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Department of Commerce

wake of a global trend to lower corporate rates.
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IMMIGRATION

DACA Deal Uncertain After Trump's Derogatory Comments

President Donald Trump's inflammatory comments about migration from what he described as "shithole" countries drew widespread condemnation Friday while an underlying bipartisan legislative replacement for the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program hangs in doubt. [Read more »](#)

Fla. House Passes Ban On Sanctuary Cities

The Florida House of Representatives on Friday passed a controversial measure that would ban so-called sanctuary cities in the state, but the bill faces steep odds in the Senate. [Read more »](#)

Gov't Denied Quick Win In Soldiers' Citizenship Suit

A D.C. district judge on Thursday rejected the federal government's bid for a quick win in a class action in which soldiers allege the military improperly changed the requirements for expedited naturalization applications. [Read more »](#)

NATIVE AMERICAN

Senate Sends Bill To Recognize Va. Tribes To Trump's Desk

A half dozen Native American tribes in Virginia could soon be recognized by the federal government after the U.S. Senate on Thursday approved a measure to have the United States formally acknowledge them, sending the bill to President Donald Trump's desk. [Read more »](#)

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Municipal ISPs Offer Better Value, Harvard Study Suggests

Municipal broadband networks offer consumers better value than commercial internet service providers in most cases, a Harvard study recently found, although a lack of data on broadband service dynamics obfuscates the picture. [Read more »](#)

WHITE COLLAR

Mueller's Team Seeks May Trial Date For Manafort, Gates

Paul Manafort, the indicted former campaign manager to President Donald Trump, may face trial as soon as May, according to a filing Friday by the special counsel spearheading an investigation into the Trump campaign that also outlined plans for future evidence exchange. [Read more »](#)

Analysis

Justices Likely To Set New Tax Standard For Remote Vendors

The U.S. Supreme Court shocked the tax bar Friday by accepting South Dakota's direct challenge to the court's 1992 ruling that retailers must have a physical presence within a state to be liable for collection and remittance of use taxes, signaling the court's willingness to rethink that precedent in the age of internet sales. [Read more »](#)

EXPERT ANALYSIS

The Public Finance Industry Dodged A Tax Reform Bullet

The passage of the tax bill brought an end to a nearly two-month rollercoaster ride that had the public finance industry white-knuckled and a little green in the face. The final bill belied initial assurances that tax reform "won't touch tax-exempt bonds," but the end result could have been a lot worse, say Victoria Ozimek

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and Brian Teaff of Bracewell LLP. Read more »

A Momentous Year For CFIUS: Part 1

The Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States was the subject of more focus, change and consequence in 2017 than it had been in at least a decade. It appears that the significant CFIUS developments last year soon may be followed by formal legal changes, say attorneys with Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati PC. Read more »

NJ's Evolving Health Care Arena: Trends To Watch In 2018

New Jersey is one of the most competitive and heavily regulated states in terms of health care, making it a good barometer for how the industry is evolving nationally. As physicians and medical groups deal with issues like flat reimbursement from insurance providers and the rapidly rising costs of operating a medical practice, the ways in which doctors deliver health care will continue to change in 2018, says John Fanburg of Brach Eichler LLC. Read more »

Balancing Vertical Integration In Calif.'s Cannabis Industry

Given the incentives to organize vertically, California cannabis regulators will need to identify and challenge harmful vertical integration, but allow efficiency-improving integration in cannabis markets and revise regulations to reduce inefficiencies, says Georgina Moreno of Econ One Research Inc. Read more »

How Tax Reform Will Change FCA Settlements

Little attention has been paid to a provision of the new tax law that requires federal agencies to specify, at the time of settlement of government claims, the portion of the settlement that may be deductible as a business expense. This is sure to impact False Claims Act and other settlements involving the

government going forward, say attorneys with Fried Frank Harris Shriver & Jacobson LLP. [Read more »](#)

5 Advertising Law Trends To Watch In 2018

Legal and technological disruptions in the advertising space last year outpaced the development of prior years. Although many topics contributed to this industry upheaval, there are five trends that shaped 2017 and will continue to develop in the coming years, say Jason Gordon and Andrew Levad of Reed Smith LLP. [Read more »](#)

LEGAL INDUSTRY

New Group To Probe Workplace Harassment In Federal Courts

The Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts has launched a working group to examine the policies in place to protect employees of the federal judiciary from workplace harassment, the office announced on Friday. [Read more »](#)

High Court Vet Joins Quinn Emanuel From Kirkland

U.S. Supreme Court heavy hitter Chris Landau is moving to Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan LLP after 25 years at Kirkland & Ellis LLP, joining a growing appellate group formed by his former Harvard law professor Kathleen Sullivan. [Read more »](#)

Final Dewey Cooperator Gets No Jail Time

The final cooperator in the Manhattan district attorney's criminal case against former executives at the once prominent law firm of Dewey & LeBoeuf LLP was sentenced to unconditional release on Friday, presumably ending the saga that absorbed the legal industry. [Read more »](#)

Up Next At High Court: Betraying A Client, Appellate Rules

A lawyer's courtroom betrayal of his client in a Louisiana murder trial is likely the juiciest item on the Supreme Court's oral argument calendar this week, but other cases involving the right of appeal in consolidated cases and a controversial question under the Fair Labor Standards Act could have major implications for the appellate and employment bars. Here's what to expect. [Read more »](#)

Legal Tech Download: Acquisition Fever

The world of legal technology is quickly evolving, with new products coming to market in rapid succession. Here, Law360 takes a look at seven major recent developments. [Read more »](#)

GC Cheat Sheet: The Hottest Corporate News Of The Week

The head of a conservative think tank slammed attacks against the Federal Communications Commission's Republican chairman over the agency's vote to repeal net neutrality, federal immigration officials inspected almost 100 7-Eleven stores across the country, and lawmakers in various states proposed legislation to quell workplace sexual harassment. These are some of the stories in corporate legal news you may have missed in the past week. [Read more »](#)

Podcast

Law360's Pro Say: When To Walk Away From A Dangerous Client

On the latest episode of Law360's Pro Say podcast, the team discusses how to know when it is time to ditch a dangerous client like Martin Shkreli, the latest developments over the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals immigration program, a case striking down partisan gerrymandering, and a bizarre 5-bite diet. [Read more »](#)

In Case You Missed It: Hottest Firms And Stories On Law360

For those who missed out, here's a look back at the law firms, stories and expert analyses that generated the most buzz on Law360 last week. [Read more »](#)

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I never received a response on this. Can both of you please do that?

Thanks,

Kurt Hinterschied

On Wed, Dec 20, 2017 at 7:36 PM, Kurt Hinterschied <khint99@gmail.com> wrote:

Good morning State Representatives,

I understand House Bills 53 (Public Sector Right to Work) and 113 (Private Sector Right to Work) are stuck in committee and don't seem to be making much progress. I don't know if the Republican's are afraid of these because of the SB5 failure awhile ago but these bills are very reasonable and Kentucky, West Virginia, Michigan, Indiana, and Wisconsin have all passed similar bills as I understand it.

The private sector version would improve job creation because they would be either an incentive for companies to remain here or attract new companies as well, and I'm sure I don't need to explain why. Our state is lagging in net job creation and this would definitely help.

The public sector version would undoubtedly weaken the unions that have driven public employee wages, such as teachers, well beyond what the typical Ohioan earns, and lower our income and especially high property taxes which continue to rise. For example, Ohioans endure endless school levies, which are often due to the ridiculous salaries teachers receive in their union contracts. I used to live in Westerville and there were kindergarten teachers making \$95,000 for 9 months of work while the average citizen struggles to make ends meet and gets two weeks vacation. The public sector, such as police, fire, and teachers alike, also receive lavish health and retirement benefits that go far beyond what the average Ohioan receives. It's simply wrong and it needs to change.

Another benefit of passing these for Republicans is the direct financial impact the Democrats would feel from weakened unions that almost exclusively support Democrats.

Of course you'll receive push back from the unions, democrats, and the media, who will all lie about the purpose of these bills, but passing this legislation is simply the right thing to do for the majority of people in Ohio.

If a Democrat governor wins next year, these bills would definitely be vetoed so now is the time to move on them.

Thank you for your consideration and your service to Ohio and I would greatly appreciate a response to this.

Sincerely,
Kurt Hinterschied

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Attachments: School Based Health Care Next Steps 1-16-2018.pdf

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Subject: INVITATION: School Based Health Care Workgroup Jan. 29

We are pleased to reconvene the School Based Health Care Workgroup to finish the work we started in 2014. Please join us 11:00-12:30 on January 29 at the Lazarus Building (50 West Town Street, Columbus), and confirm your attendance or identify a designee from your organization here:

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The purpose of the School Based Health Care Workgroup is to improve academic achievement through better student health. The original Workgroup set a clear direction for developing partnerships between primary care practices and schools (attached). We are now in a position to build on this work and, with your assistance, launch a program later this year to help schools and primary care practices develop these partnerships.

Many of you participated in the original Workgroup, and some of you are new. We appreciate everyone's leadership on this project, and look forward to seeing you on January 29.

Best regards,

Paolo DeMaria, Superintendent of Public Instruction

Ohio Department of Education

Greg Moody, Director
Ohio Governor's Office of Health Transformation

School Based Health Care Workgroup

Monday, January 29, 2018

11:00am – 12:30pm

Lazarus Office Building, 6th Floor

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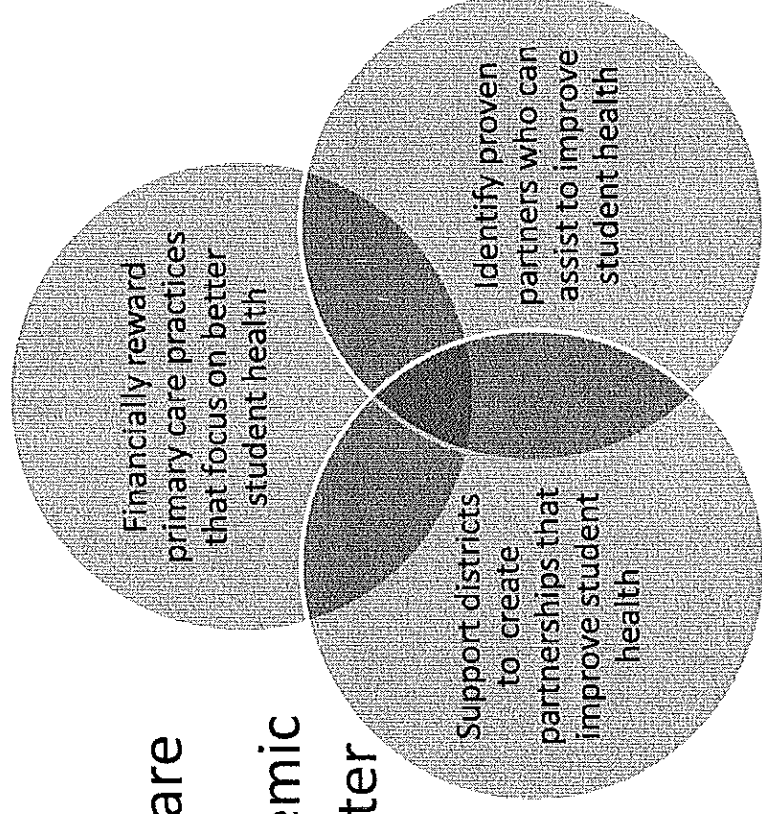
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School Based Primary Care Initiative

Opportunity: increase student access to comprehensive primary care

Objective: improve academic achievement through better student health



School Based Health Care Workgroup

- Purpose: Improve academic achievement through better student health
 - Review evidence of the correlation between student health and academic achievement
 - Identify existing best practices to improve academic achievement through better student health
 - Based on existing best practices, recommend one or more models for communities that want to improve academic achievement through better student health
 - Recommend financial strategies to sustain the models over time, with an emphasis on health coverage through commercial insurance and Medicaid, not other governmental subsidies
 - Recommend health care service delivery strategies that are known to improve health outcomes, such as patient-centered medical homes
 - Explore the community learning center model delivery of student health care services
 - Ensure that all recommendations adhere to state and federal law
 - Submit a report to the General Assembly not later than December 31, 2014
- Convened by the Ohio Department of Education and the Governor's Office of Health Transformation
- 35+ state staff and stakeholders, including legislators, school unions and associations, and health care provider associations
- Met four times during Fall 2014/Spring 2015 but did not report

Financially reward primary care practices ...

- In July 2016, Governor Kasich announced the statewide launch of the Ohio Comprehensive Primary Care (CPC) program
- Beginning January 1, 2018, Ohio Medicaid and the state's four largest commercial health insurers will provide additional payments to practices that do more to keep patients well and hold down the total cost of care
- This model can be adapted to provide an additional per member per month payment for practice sites that focus on better student health
- **Next step 1:** need to identify the specific circumstances or requirements under which additional funding flows, for example:
 - A yes/no criterion that restricts participation (this could be tied to academic performance, medically underserved areas, both, etc.)
 - An activity requirement that must be met (e.g., health related consent forms are included in “back to school” packets)
- **Next step 2:** need to identify the level of the PMPM and incorporate into state fiscal year 2018-2019 budget planning

Support districts to create partnerships ...

- Significant work went into creating the content for an online resource library, including an extensive literature review by ODE and workgroup agreement on the content of a comprehensive toolkit for school districts
- **Next Step 3:** need to update the literature review
- **Next Step 4:** need to finish the toolkit, perhaps by contracting with an entity to round out the material, write up case examples, and deliver for production in printed or online formats
- **Next Step 5:** need to finalize an ODE-tested consent forms that satisfy both educational and primary care objectives, and decide if these are offered as examples or somehow required
- **Next Step 6:** need to identify and commit to strategies to support districts that want to create health care partnerships (e.g., planning grants, training, technical assistance, learning collaboratives)

Develop an outreach plan ...

- The workgroup recommended developing an outreach plan to increase the number of local leaders who act to improve academic performance through better student health
- The group recommended timing the outreach plan to encourage projects in the Summer/Fall 2018 (to coincide with the CPC launch in January 2018)
- **Next Step 7:** need to update the participant list and reconvene the School Based Health Care Workgroup to review the results of the steps described above, and to further refine an outreach plan
- **Next Step 8:** need to decide who creates/maintains an online resource library to provide local leaders with easy access to useful material
 - For example, the toolkit, case examples of existing best practices, materials developed by existing sites, potential/preferred partners, documentation of the correlation between student health and academic achievement, other websites and resources

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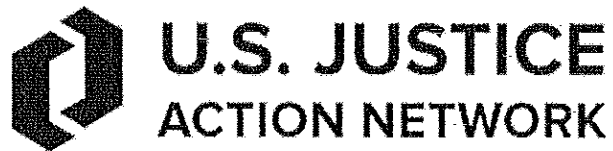
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Dear

Policymakers,

Last week, we hosted our all-star panel on justice reform in Columbus, Ohio. Hearing former Ohio State National Championship running back Maurice Clarett's personal story of his rise, fall, and redemption pulled at the heartstrings of everyone in the room. But now it's time for action. If Ohio is to live up to the promise of leading on justice reform issues, it must take concrete action this legislative session.



While Ohio has made some tremendous reforms to its justice system, the state still incarcerates over 51,000 people at a cost to taxpayers of \$70 a person, per day. As we heard from Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction Director Gary Mohr, an expansion of the Targeting Community Alternatives to Prison (T-CAP) program, included in this year's budget, could divert more low-level nonviolent offenders to community-based

supervision rather than prison, a much-needed step forward. Senator John Eklund's SB 66 would expand access to drug and alcohol treatment and record sealing, while more effectively addressing technical violations. On top of all of that, the House of Representatives is working on legislation to further improve public safety and cut costs.

We agree with Robert Alt, President of the Buckeye Institute, that these reforms will make Ohio's justice system more effective and efficient, which means Ohio communities will be safer and taxpayers will get more bang for their buck. So let's pass these reforms, and put Buckeye Nation where it belongs...at the top!

Thank you,

Holly

Holly Harris, U.S. Justice Action Network



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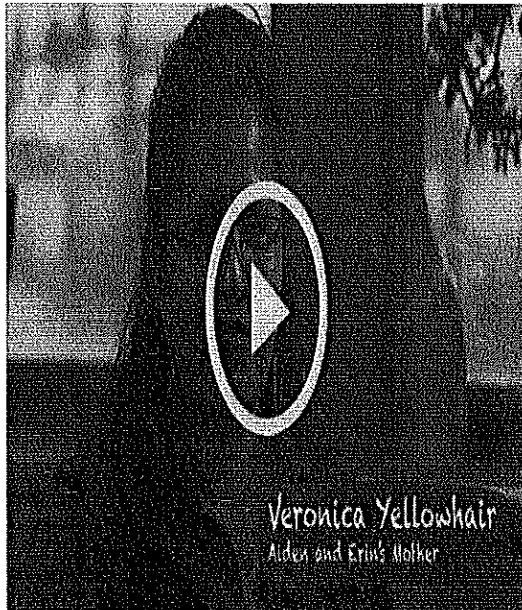
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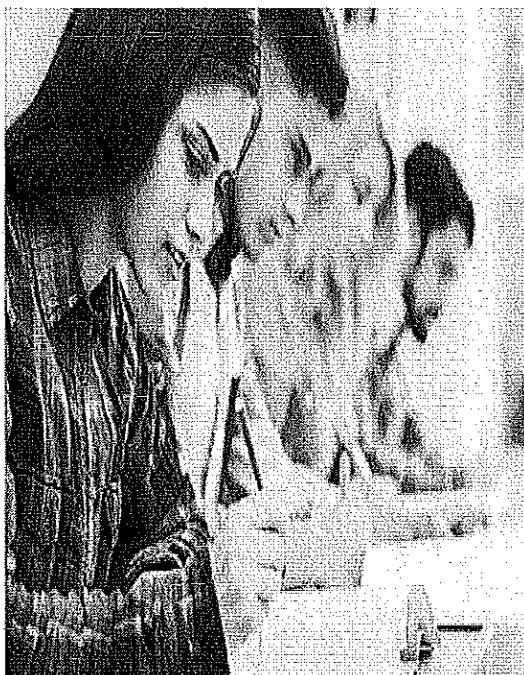
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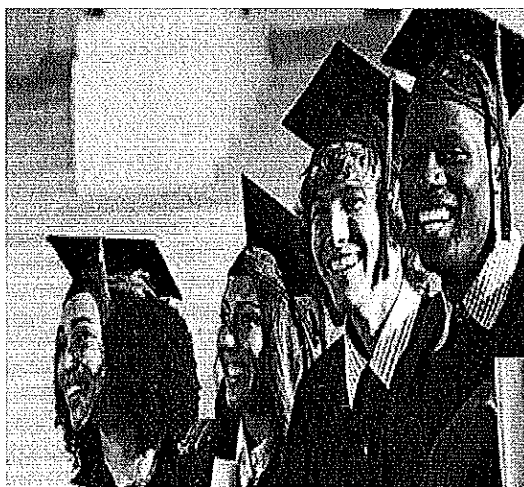
Choice for Navajo Students

Arizona's Empowerment Scholarship Accounts (ESAs) are giving families in the Navajo Nation options and enabling students to thrive in the classroom. Watch [this video from the State Policy Network](#) to see one family's story.



Wisconsin Schools of Choice Outperform Public Schools

A new study has found that private schools participating in Wisconsin's school choice programs outperform the state's public schools.



Making the Case for School Choice at the African American Mayors Association Conference

At a recent conference for African American mayors, Louisiana Federation for Children President and longtime school choice advocate, Ann Duplessis, underlined the importance of school choice.

In her words, "School choice is not just a

moral issue, it's directly a workforce
development issue."



What the Media Is Getting Wrong About Florida's Push to Help Students With Disabilities

From smaller class sizes to reduced bullying, families using Florida's McKay Scholarship for Students with Disabilities are overwhelmingly satisfied with their chosen schools for a range of reasons. In his latest piece, Governor Jeb Bush identified some of the often-overlooked benefits of this popular choice program.



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Dear Ohio ALEC Legislative Members,

I hope all of you are doing well.

I wanted to invite all of you to this event hosted by U.S. Justice Action Network at the Ohio Statehouse Atrium on May 31st at 6PM titled, "Law, Order, and Sensible Justice Roundtable." A reception will follow after the event. For additional information, please see the attached invitation. Thank you!

Ronnie

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Law, Order, and Sensible Justice Roundtable

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Hear from criminal justice practitioners about how we can
improve Ohio's justice system.

Reception to follow!

DATE & TIME

Wednesday,
May 31
6-8 p.m. EST

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Columbus, Ohio 43215

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Senator
John Eklund

Ohio State Senate,
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Dear Ohio ALEC Legislative Members,

I hope all of you are doing well.

I wanted to invite all of you to this event hosted by U.S. Justice Action Network at the Ohio Statehouse Atrium on May 31st at 6PM titled, "Law, Order, and Sensible Justice Roundtable." A reception will follow after the event. For additional information, please see the attached invitation. Thank you!

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Law, Order, and Sensible Justice Roundtable

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Hear from criminal justice practitioners about how we can
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Reception to follow!

DATE & TIME

Wednesday,
May 31
6-8 p.m. EST

LOCATION

Ohio Statehouse Atrium
1 Capitol Square
Columbus, Ohio 43215

FEATURING

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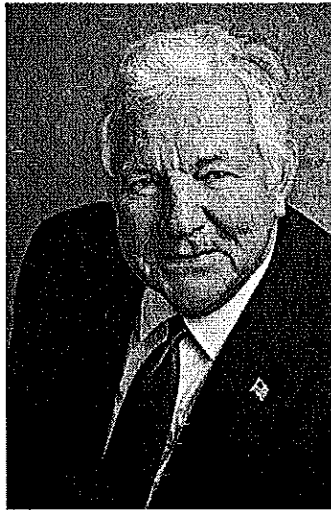
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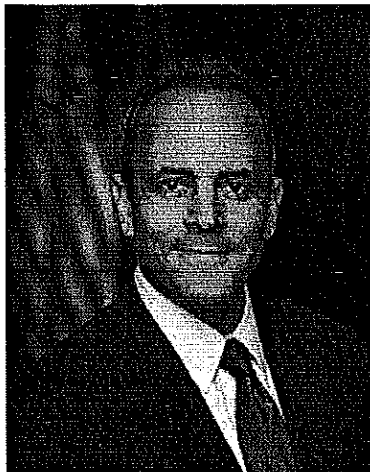
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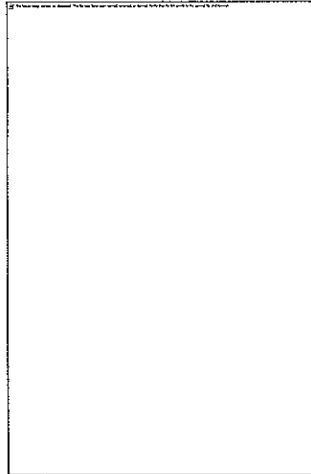
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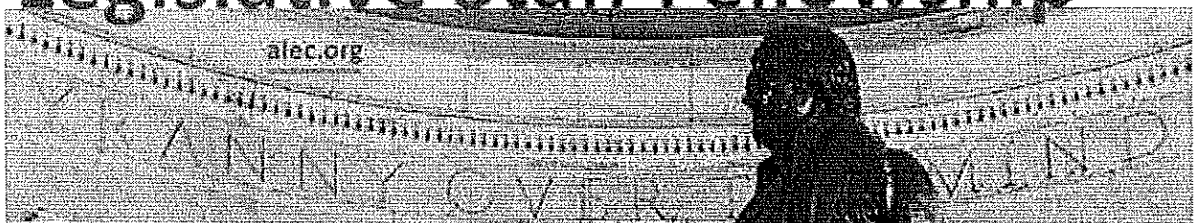
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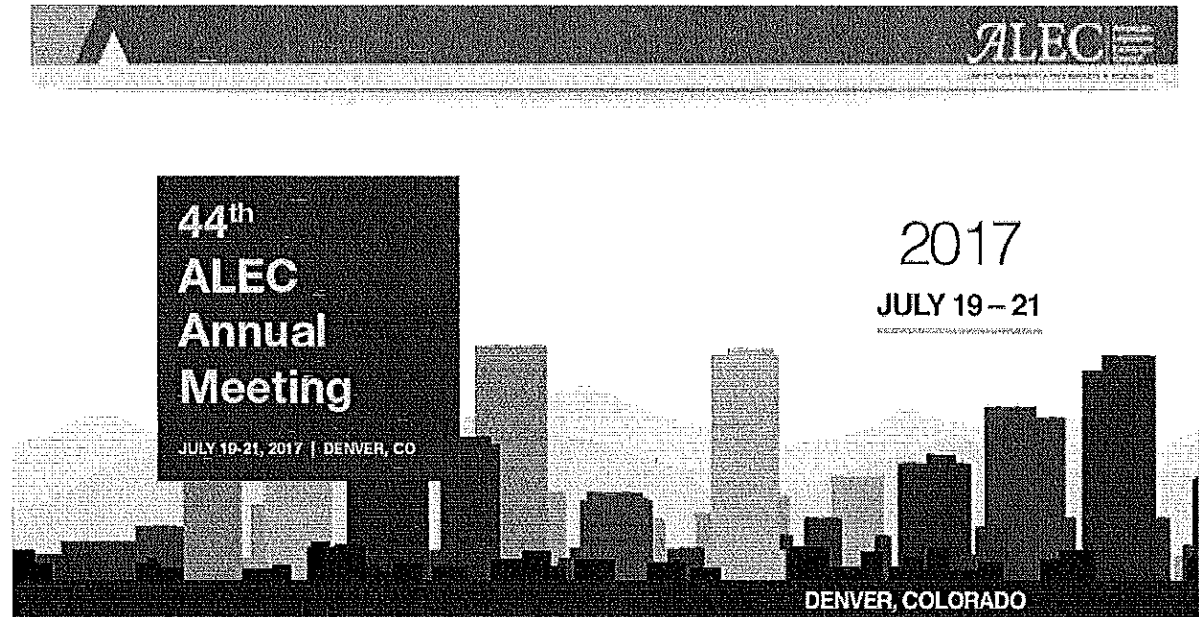
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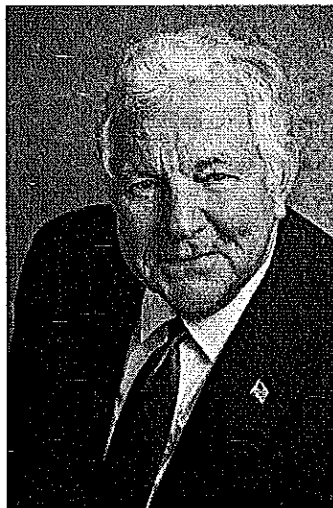
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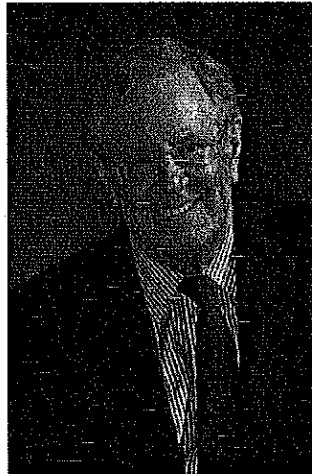
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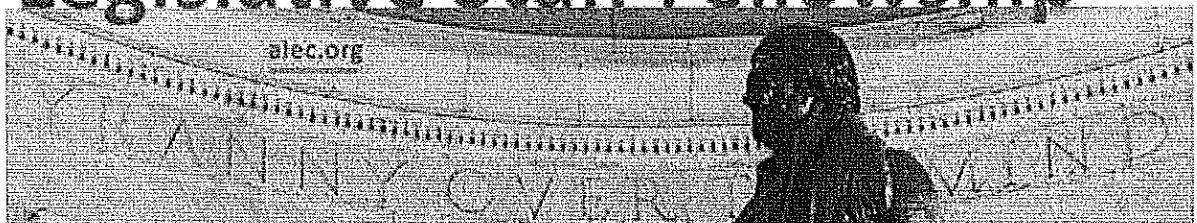
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The U.S. Department of Justice on Wednesday appointed WilmerHale partner Robert S. Mueller III as special counsel to head up the investigation into Russian interference with the 2016 presidential election. [Read more »](#)

House Votes To Add 4 Bankruptcy Judgeships

The U.S. House of Representatives passed a bill to add four bankruptcy judges to the nation's courts Wednesday, and convert several more temporary posts to permanent ones. [Read more »](#)

Judiciary Presses Congress For More Funding

The federal judiciary asked Congress on Wednesday for \$7.2 billion in discretionary funding, a 3.9 percent increase, saying the judiciary needs to preserve existing court services, ramp up cybersecurity efforts, ensure courthouse security and provide for the availability of court-appointed attorneys. [Read more »](#)

Analysis

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Kaye McLane
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Lawrence Beach
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3 Things You Should Know About The Nominee For IP Czar

President Donald Trump has nominated Vishal Amin to be the next intellectual property enforcement coordinator, a move widely cheered by those who believe his congressional relations and strong IP background would be valuable assets. Here are three things to know ahead of his confirmation hearing. [Read more »](#)

House Passes Bill To Create Gov't IT Upgrade Fund

The federal government could soon have a self-sustaining fund dedicated to replacing outdated information security and computer systems, if a bill the House of Representatives passed Wednesday becomes law. [Read more »](#)

Senate Bill Would Ease Stress Testing For Small Banks

A bipartisan Senate bill introduced Wednesday would eliminate stress testing requirements on smaller banks by lifting the threshold for mandating those tests of banks' ability to survive a crisis to \$50 billion. [Read more »](#)

Regulatory Reform Package Clears Senate Committee

The Senate Homeland Security Committee on Wednesday sent five regulatory reform bills to the full body for a vote, all of which are designed to make it harder for executive agencies to promulgate rules. [Read more »](#)

Trump Sends Senate 2 Key Tax, Economic Policy Nominees

President Donald Trump sent a slew of appointments to the Senate for confirmation on Tuesday, including formalizing his intent to nominate Goldman Sachs executive James H. Donovan and American Enterprise Institute economist Kevin A. Hassett for key roles regarding economic and tax policy. [Read more »](#)

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Okla. Lawmakers Nix 'American Rule' In Apparent Oversight

Litigants whose actions fail in Oklahoma could be on the hook to pay their opponents' attorneys' fees in all cases thanks to a dramatic and largely unintended revocation of the "American rule" stipulating that each party pay its own fees. [Read more »](#)

BANKING & SECURITIES

Analysis

SEC Chair Faces Uphill Climb In Reviving IPO Market

Newly confirmed U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission Chairman Jay Clayton's efforts to make public markets more attractive are a welcome sign for capital markets attorneys, who nonetheless caution that the SEC's ability to reverse the long-term decline in initial public offerings is limited. [Read more »](#)

Bipartisan Bill Again Calls For Transparency In Settlements

Democratic U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren and Republican U.S. Sen. James Lankford on Tuesday reintroduced legislation requiring greater transparency of settlements companies and individuals enter into with federal agencies, including a disclosure of tax deductible amounts or other credits that affect the actual dollar figure. [Read more »](#)

ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL

Republican Govs. Urge Trump Admin. To Stay In Paris Accord

Two Republican governors, from Vermont and Massachusetts, urged the U.S. Department of Energy on Wednesday to reconfirm the United States' commitment to the Paris Agreement, saying their states have made progress in cutting carbon pollution but that they need national support to meet international

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Office

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commitments and maintain "global economic leadership." [Read more »](#)

1st Circ. Says Puerto Rican Law Trumps Local Coal Ash Rules

The First Circuit on Tuesday said that two Puerto Rico municipalities can't ban how a coal-fired power plant owner disposes of its coal ash at three landfills within their borders since a Puerto Rican agency has already approved such activities, saying commonwealth law trumps local rules. [Read more »](#)

Texas Chemical Co. Settles Air Pollution Claims For \$2.5M

A Houston-area chemical storage facility will shell out \$2.5 million to the state of Texas and the U.S. Department of Justice to settle claims that it released unacceptably high levels of harmful chemicals into the air from 2012 through 2016. [Read more »](#)

MEDIA & ENTERTAINMENT

NY Ballot Selfie Suit Set For August Trial, September Decision

A New York federal judge on Wednesday ordered an August trial for the issue of ballot selfies in New York over the objections of city and state election boards, telling them to expect a decision in September and that he would brook no excuses about altering their policies by Election Day should they lose. [Read more »](#)

TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE

House Panel Starts Debate On FAA, Air Traffic Control Reform

The debate over spinning off management of the nation's air traffic control system from the FAA to a private nonprofit entity ramped up Wednesday, with the chairman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee

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U.S. Senate
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U.S. Supreme Court

making it clear that it will be among his top policy pushes this year. [Read more »](#)

INSURANCE

Proposed NY Rule Targets Auto Insurance Discrimination

New York's Department of Financial Services on Tuesday proposed a regulation in an effort to stem discrimination that would ban auto insurers from considering work status and education level when setting rates. [Read more »](#)

REAL ESTATE

Pittsburgh Can't Impose Building Security Rules, Court Says

A Pennsylvania appeals court said Wednesday that state law barred the city of Pittsburgh from enacting a new ordinance requiring security officers and service employees in certain commercial buildings and other public spaces to undergo training to respond to emergency situations [Read more »](#)

EMPLOYMENT

7th Circ. Questions Class Claim In Revived Union Fees Suit

Although the U.S. Supreme Court has ruled a proposed class of nonunion Illinois home health care aides were improperly charged union fees, at least one Seventh Circuit judge indicated Wednesday she didn't believe the workers could sue over the fees as a group. [Read more »](#)

Pa. Appeals Court Won't Revive Pittsburgh Paid Sick Time Law

A Pennsylvania appeals court Wednesday upheld a decision finding that the city of Pittsburgh lacked authority under state law to enact a new ordinance requiring employers to

provide workers with paid sick leave. Read more »

Fired NJ County Worker Can't Revive Age-Bias Suit

A New Jersey state appellate court nixed a fired Union County employee's bid to revive his age discrimination suit on Tuesday, affirming a lower court's ruling that the former worker couldn't show that his termination was anything other than a legitimate layoff due to budget cuts. Read more »

PRIVACY & CONSUMER PROTECTION

FTC's Definition Of Cyber Injury Getting Broader, Chief Says

Having done a good job "clearing out the low-hanging fruit" of corporate cybersecurity safeguards for consumer data, the Federal Trade Commission's temporary chief said Wednesday that the agency is now focusing on an expanded definition of what can constitute "substantial" injury to consumers. Read more »

Sen. Intel Committee Wants Comey To Testify In Russia Probe

Senate Intelligence Committee leaders said Wednesday they have asked former FBI Director James Comey to testify as part of their investigation into Russian interference with the 2016 presidential election, as Senate Democrats pushed for an investigation into U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions' role in Comey's firing. Read more »

GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS

DOD Buying Group Pushes House Panel For Rules Reform

The Defense Department needs to slash out-of-date regulations and look at decriminalizing innocent mistakes when contractors work with the government, a commission told a House

panel Wednesday, in order to speed up government purchases. [Read more »](#)

Reps. Want GSA To Require Ownership Details Before Leasing

A bipartisan pair of representatives on Tuesday introduced a bill that would require federal agencies to ensure they are aware of the true owners of any real estate leased for "high-security" purposes, intended to curb the risk of espionage. [Read more »](#)

TAX

GOP Sen. Floats Tax Bill To Help With Investment Expenses

The third-ranked Republican senator introduced a tax bill Wednesday that would allow businesses investing in equipment and property to immediately write off up to \$2 million and would increase the amount of startup costs that new businesses can deduct. [Read more »](#)

Dems Undo Ill. Budget, Reform Deal As Republicans Cry Foul

On the same day that Illinois' backlog of bills ballooned to a record \$14 billion, Democrats in the Illinois Senate on Wednesday passed a budget for the next fiscal year, but could not garner the votes to make agreed-upon cuts needed to actually implement the spending plan. [Read more »](#)

IMMIGRATION

DOJ Directive Over Immigrant Legal Representation Paused

A Washington federal court on Wednesday moved to temporarily pause a U.S. Department of Justice directive that instructed an immigration legal services organization to stop assisting unrepresented immigrants in deportation proceedings without filing notices of appearance. [Read more »](#)

Senate Committee OKs Bill To Amend CBP Hiring Practices

A U.S. Senate committee on Wednesday voted to approve a bill that would aim to address staffing shortages for U.S. Customs and Border Protection in part by relaxing a requirement that some applicants undergo a lie detector test. [Read more »](#)

LA Officers, Immigrants Both Seek Early Win In Detention Suit

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and the immigrants accusing it of unlawfully detaining them and denying bail based on warrantless requests from federal authorities both asked a California federal court for quick wins Tuesday, providing conflicting interpretations of the constitutionality of the departments' immigrant detention policies. [Read more »](#)

NATIVE AMERICAN

House Votes To Recognize Va. Native American Tribes

The federal government could soon recognize another half dozen Native American tribes based mostly in Virginia after the U.S. House of Representatives approved a measure Wednesday that would speed the formal acknowledgement of the groups. [Read more »](#)

Senate Panel Passes Bill Meant To Bolster Tribal Economies

The U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs greenlighted a bill aimed at boosting economic growth and access to capital within Native American communities, the committee's chairman announced Wednesday. [Read more »](#)

Ariz., Tribe Reach Deal To Settle Phoenix-Area Casino Suit

The state of Arizona and the Tohono O'odham Nation said Wednesday that they have come to an agreement to wrap up litigation between them and allow the tribe to offer Las Vegas-

style gambling at its casino near Phoenix in exchange for its agreeing not to open another casino in the area. [Read more »](#)

EXPERT ANALYSIS

NJ 'Pay To Play' Compliance is More Important Than Ever

New Jersey holds elections for governor, lieutenant governor and all 120 state legislative seats this year. Given that the Garden State has some of the most stringent, far-reaching and complex "pay to play" laws in the nation, it is important to review the risk areas that can arise from political contributions and fundraising, says Michael T.G. Long of Lowenstein Sandler LLP. [Read more »](#)

Why Calif. High Court Should Reverse Wilson V. CNN

The California Supreme Court's upcoming decision in Wilson v. CNN has the potential to undermine the anti-SLAPP protections the California Legislature intended to provide to news and media organizations, and to interfere with those firms' ability to engage in speech unhindered by meritless discrimination claims, says Christian Foote of Carr McClellan PC. [Read more »](#)

Insurance Takeaways From Texas' New Hailstorm Bill

On Wednesday, the Texas Legislature passed its new "Hailstorm Bill," intended to address several abuses that have become commonplace in the claims and litigation process. Proponents of the bill believe it will have a direct positive impact on minimizing abuses in all weather-related litigation matters, while still protecting insureds from improper claim denials, says Jennifer Gibbs of Zelle LLP. [Read more »](#)

LEGAL INDUSTRY

How Can In-House Teams Get More Value? Partner With Firms

The Association of Corporate Counsel highlighted the "deep and innovative partnerships" forged by Littler Mendelson LLP, Reed Smith LLP and others Wednesday as the organization recognized several firms and companies for initiatives designed to increase value and efficiency in corporate legal departments. [Read more »](#)

Analysis

Seyfarth Shaw Layoffs Could Be New Normal For BigLaw

Tough decisions regarding attorney layoffs like those announced by Seyfarth Shaw LLP on Tuesday are likely to become commonplace in a market where demand for law firms remains sluggish, expenses are high following a pay hike for associates last year and firms are fighting to keep high profits for equity partners. [Read more »](#)

Mouthing Off: 4 Times Bad Manners Put Lawyers In Hot Water

Good courtroom etiquette can be tough to define, but it's clear that cursing at a federal judge won't win a lawyer any good-citizen awards. That behavior and more from a recently suspended Illinois attorney is only the latest example in a long and loud line of lawyers whose bad manners triggered disciplinary problems. [Read more »](#)

Plaintiffs Bar Perspective: Aldous Walker's Brent Walker

You have to learn how to pick your battles. Don't waste your time, money or emotional energy on conflict that does not matter to your client's case, says Brent Walker of Aldous Walker LLP. [Read more »](#)

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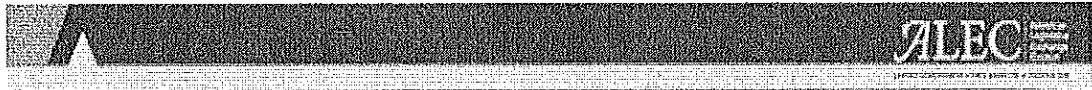
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- What is the scope of prescription drug misuse and abuse and how does it affect our communities?
- What does the next generation of energy technology look like?
- What does the future hold: how do autonomous vehicles impact our lives and how do they impact our communities?

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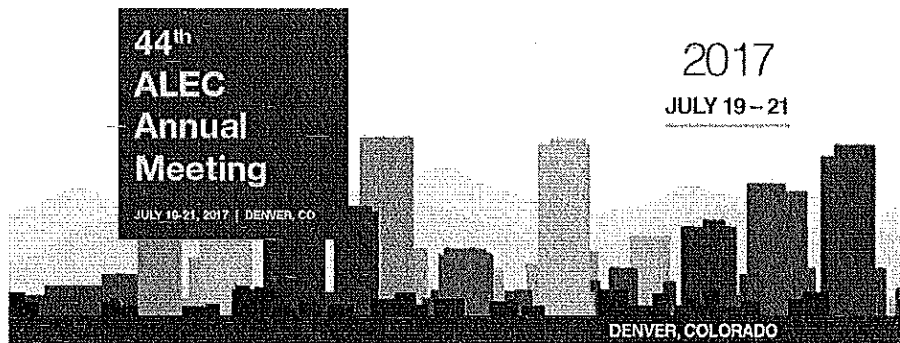
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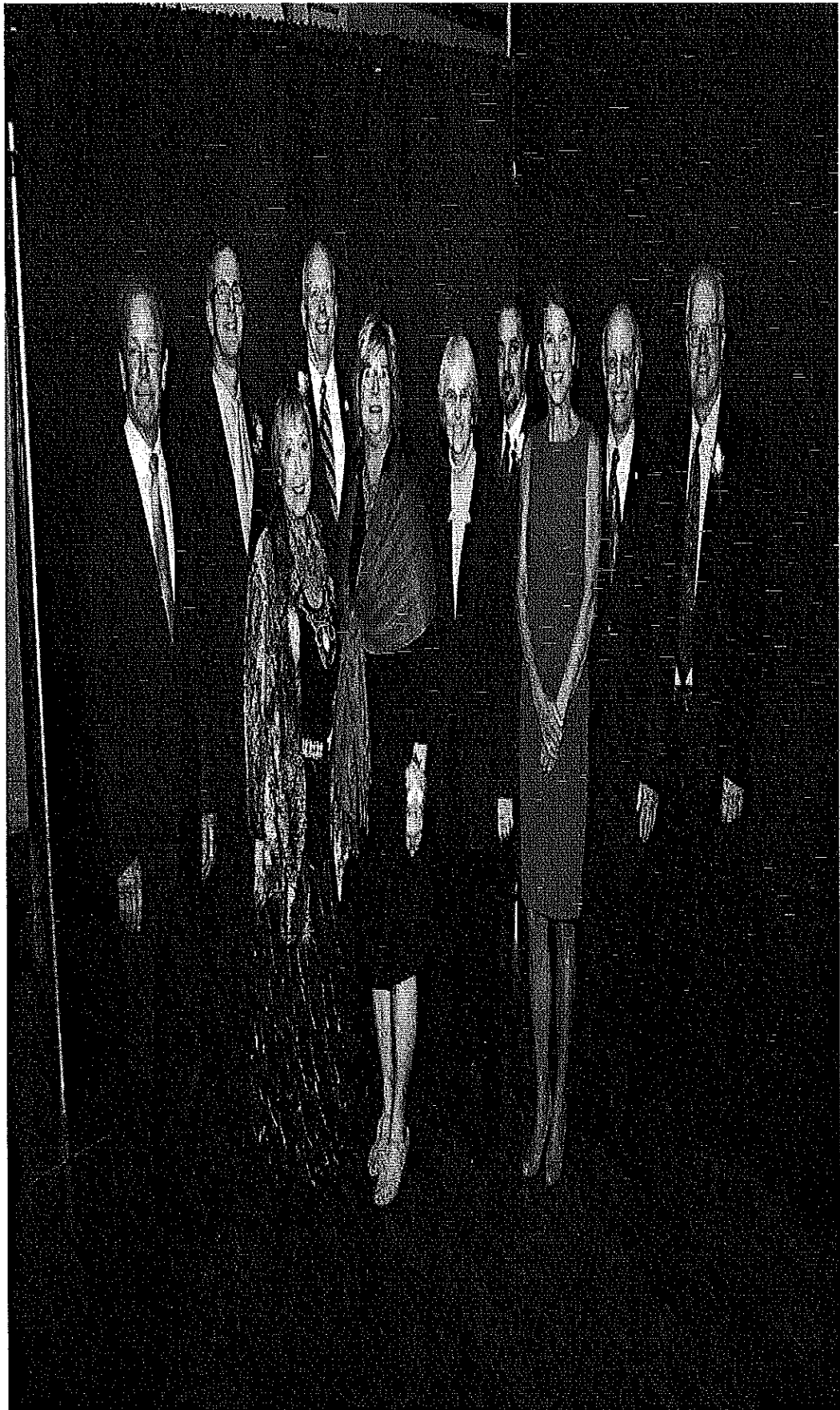


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For the current federal fiscal year, Congress passed and the President signed a budget to increase funding for the National Endowment for the Arts. However, for the next fiscal year, the President's proposal to eliminate the NEA looms. OAC Executive Director Donna S. Collins writes about what you can do to protect federal funding for the arts.

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GOVERNOR'S AWARDS FOR THE ARTS LUNCHEON PHOTOS

On May 17, nearly 700 people came together at the Columbus Athenaeum to celebrate Ohio artists, arts organizations, arts patrons, business supporters, and other leaders in the arts. Nine individuals and organizations received Governor's Awards and Karen Waldbillig Kasich received the William R. Joseph Ohio Arts Advocacy Medal.

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**2017 *POL* NATIONAL FINALS IN
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Madeleine Schroeder, a senior at Columbus Alternative High School, competed in the 2017 *Poetry Out Loud (POL)* National Finals at the Lisner Auditorium in Washington, D.C., on April 25. Congratulations to Maddy for her efforts!

**INFO ON *POL* NATIONAL
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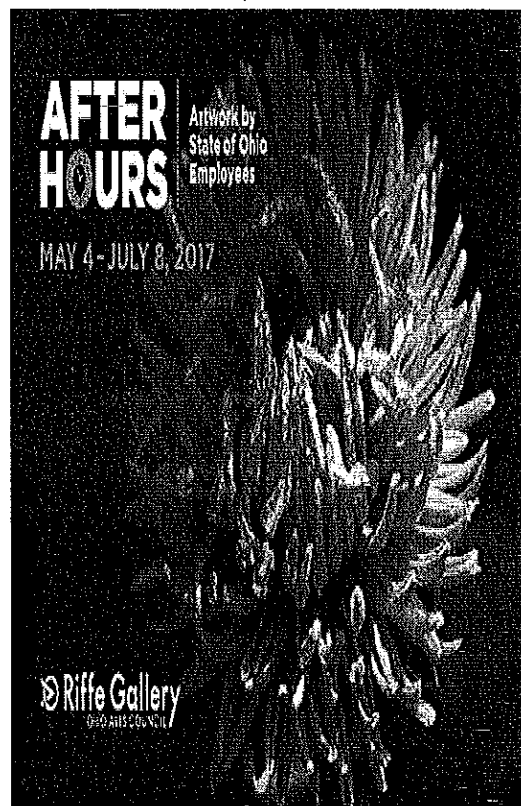
Do you know a great poet? The Ohio Poet Laureate has the opportunity to foster the art of poetry and encourage literacy and learning. Position guidelines are available online. Nominations are being accepted now through July 5:

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Christy Farnbauch, director of innovation and engagement, reflects on a recent workshop and shares her thoughts on improving the customer experience to keep people coming back.



AFTER HOURS EXHIBITION OPEN

Modeled after the OAC Riffe Gallery's 1989 exhibition showcasing the work of Vern Riffe Center employees, this exhibition features artwork by 43 public servants across Ohio. The exhibition is display through July 8.

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UPCOMING WEBINARS

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Today: Ceci Dadisman and Drew McManus will take us through the nuts and bolts of metrics to better understand the reporting tools inside Google Analytics. All attendees will receive step-by-step guides for creating custom reports, copies of all presentation materials, and the chance to implement skills in real time. There's still time to [register](#)!

Game Changed: DIY Video Editing on a Smartphone

June 22, 1:30 p.m.: Join Beth Menduni to learn to edit your video message with Adobe Spark's FREE video editing app. This informational webinar will teach you how to edit photos and videos into a story and post them on social media. This is a must attend session for organizations and individual artists on a shoestring budget wanting to increase their DIY skills. [Register](#) today!

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FOR ARTISTS | Upcoming Grant Deadlines

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- Artists with Disabilities Access Program (ADAP) - Individuals | Support for Individual Artists with Disabilities
- Artists with Disabilities Access Program (ADAP) - Organizations | Support for the Organizations that Serve Artists with Disabilities

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FOR ORGANIZATIONS | Upcoming Grant Deadlines

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- Building Cultural Diversity (BCD) | Supports new and emerging organizations whose mission, programs, staff and board represent culturally diverse communities
- Capacity Building (CB) | Support for organizations' efforts to improve business practices, or add new knowledge and skills that forward organizations' missions

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FOR ALL | Deadlines & Dates to Remember

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Happening in the OAC Riffe Gallery
 Drop-in during lunch for **FREE** workshops

Mark Your Calendar

June 22: Game Changed: DIY Video

Editing on a Smartphone Webinar

July 19: Summer Board Meeting

with artists featured in the *After Hours* exhibition. All levels welcome!

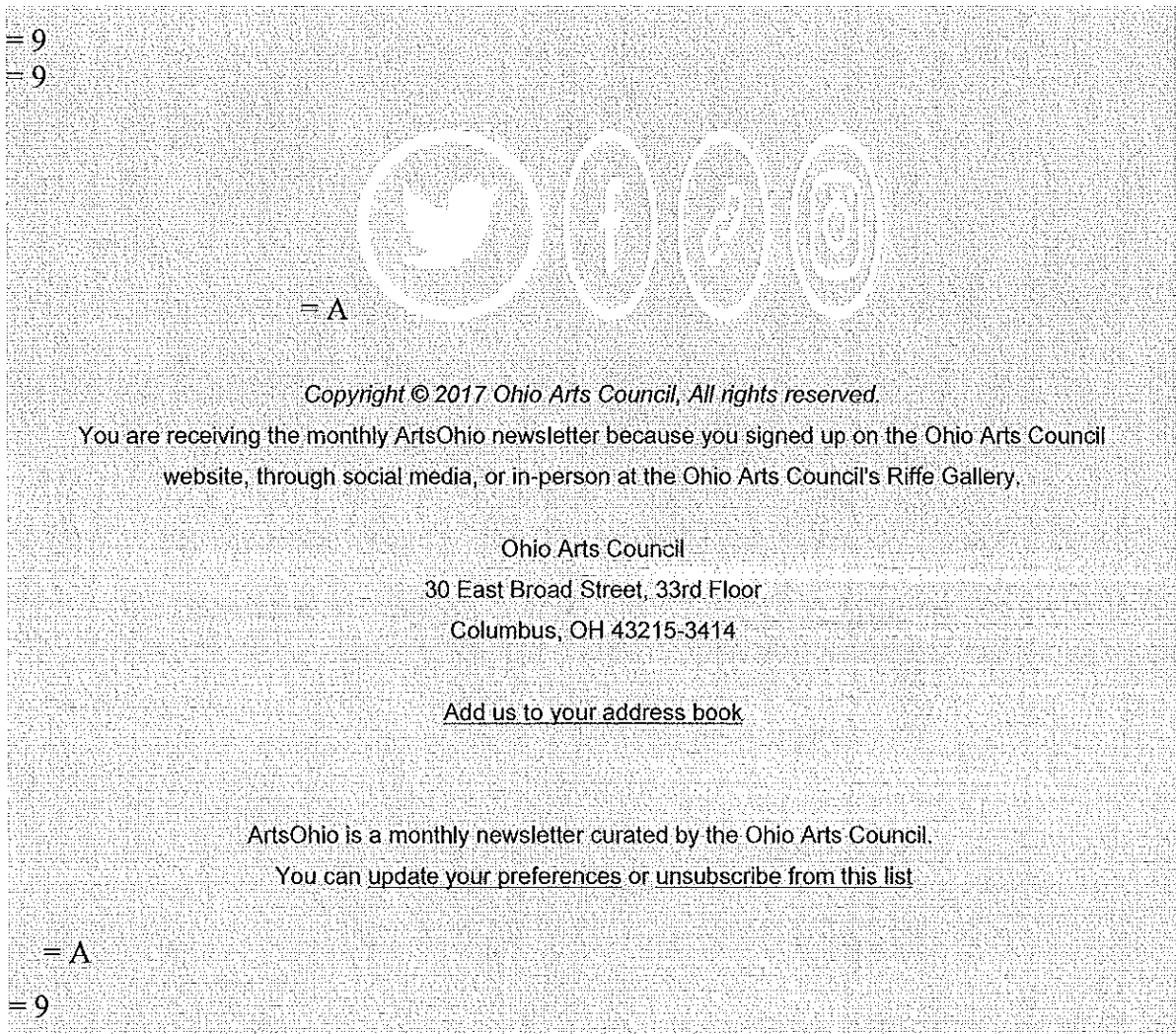
May 25: Polymer Clay Sculptures

June 1: Beading Embroidery

June 1: Tackling the Ten-Minute Play

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